

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Veterans Affairs

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Health Services Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board

3b. GSA

Committee No.

2020

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

05/04/2016

6. Expected Renewal Date

05/04/2018

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

38 USC 7303

13. Effective Date

05/09/1995

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 27 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 27 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board sub-committee panel meeting. The HSR) panel reviews proposals focused on Community Care Networks that provide Veterans with the care they need at the right time, at the right place, from the right provider. In some cases, Veterans may need to receive care from a local community care provider, paid for by VA.	03/13/2018	03/13/2018
HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board subcommittee HSR8 panel meeting. The HSR6 panel reviews proposals that support the design, methods, and initial analysis of a comprehensive program of research related to the implementation of key components of the VA Maintaining Systems & Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is undergoing major transformations in the way it provides care, most notably with the passage of the MISSION Act, and expansion of an integrated and seamless system of quality care.	03/13/2018	03/13/2018
HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board sub-committee Randomized Program Evaluations panel meeting. The HS8A panel reviews proposals that support innovative new research utilizing randomized program evaluations to study the impact of new policies and programs on patient care and Veteran experience.	03/13/2018	03/13/2018

HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board subcommittee HSR1 panel meeting. The HSR1 panel reviews proposals focused on Health Services Research on personal, patient-health professional interaction, and special population determinants of health and care. Focuses on: health behaviors and health behavior change along the spectrum of health care from health promotion and prevention, to screening and early detection and treatment; special population determinants, including disparities in care and health equity, related to gender, race, ethnicity, culture, and other sociodemographic factors such as rural; and personal, social and cultural factors that influence patient preferences, perceptions, behaviors (including risk and symptom management, engagement, and other self-management), decision making, communication and health care. Interventions will address individual health behavior change including modifying health risk factors such as physical activity, adherence and other aspects of health care management, health decision making, health care communication, and patient-centered care.	03/13/2018 - 03/14/2018
HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board subcommittee HSR2 panel meeting. The HSR2 panel reviews proposals focused on patient preferences, perceptions, and behaviors (including engagement and self management); personal, sociodemographic, and cultural factors affecting health and care (patient/population/provider/community); patient decision-making; focused patient-centered health care improvements and innovations; patient-provider interactions and communication; populations with disparities in health (women, rural, minorities).	03/13/2018 - 03/14/2018
see 2017	03/13/2018 - 03/16/2018
HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board subcommittee HSR6 panel meeting. The HSR6 panel reviews proposals focused on rehabilitation, functional outcomes, and community-based care; also certain research focused on caregiving, long-term care, and end-of-life care.	03/14/2018 - 03/14/2018
HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board subcommittee HSR9 panel meeting. The HSR9 panel reviews proposal on data and measurement sciences that involve research that takes advantage of VA Electronic Health Records and other data, advances science on methods, patient care, and Veteran experience, and generates usable knowledge that guide continuous improvements and innovations in VHA healthcare system. Provide Behavior: Innovative research on patient-provider decision-making and provider behavior that improves quality, efficiency, and value of care, with a particular focus on novel strategies targeting provider behavior change.	03/15/2018 - 03/15/2018
HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board subcommittee HSR4 panel meeting. The HSR4 panel reviews proposals focused on research on assessment, treatment, and prevention for mental health conditions (such as depression, serious mental illness, and PTSD) and behavioral health conditions (such as substance use disorder and addictive disorders); suicide and suicide ideation; mental health - primary care integration (MH-PCI).	03/15/2018 - 03/16/2018
HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board subcommittee HSR5 panel meeting. The HSR5 panel reviews proposals focused on organizational models affecting delivery of care across systems (different care settings or healthcare systems), quality improvement. value of care, preferences and utilities used in the measurement of the value of care, system efficiency and redesign, cost efficiencies, and, process models and models of care.	03/15/2018 - 03/16/2018
HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board subcommittee HSR3 panel meeting. The HSR3 panel reviews proposals focused on research in informatics and technology, including design for cognitive and decision support and data/knowledge representation; basic research to develop research methods and models; research to develop surveillance methods including public health, operations, and adverse events.	03/16/2018 - 03/16/2018
HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board subcommittee MRA0 panel meeting. The MRA0 panel reviews proposals for research that focuses on health care delivery in clinical and community settings, including nursing and medical care; medical/surgical intervention and management; diagnosis; prognosis; pharmacology and pharmacotherapeutics; utilization and patterns of care; outcomes research.	03/16/2018 - 03/16/2018
HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board subcommittee HCN panel meeting. The HCN panel reviews proposal on research that involves innovations and partnerships to ensure that research has the greatest possible impact on VHA policies, healthcare practices, and health outcomes for Veterans.	06/14/2018 - 06/14/2018
To support innovative research that advances our understanding of VHA health care; promote research in targeted areas that will contribute to short- and long-term improvements in VA care; train and mentor scientists at various stages of their career; enhance research collaboration within and across medical centers and between researchers and their health system partners; facilitate implementation of research findings and improve our understanding of implementation within VHA health care system; and support the transformation of VHA into a continuous learning health care system.	06/14/2018 - 06/15/2018

HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board sub-committee panel meeting. The HSR0 panel reviews proposals focused on Community Care Networks such as the VA Choose Home Implementation Center of Excellence that focuses on Veterans receiving the care they need at the right time, at the right place, from the right provider. In some cases, Veterans may need to receive care from a local community care provider, paid for by VA.	08/21/2018 - 08/21/2018
see 2017	08/21/2018 - 08/22/2018
HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board subcommittee HSR1 panel meeting. The HSR1 panel reviews proposals focused on Health Services Research on personal, patient-health professional interaction, and special population determinants of health and care. Focuses on: health behaviors and health behavior change along the spectrum of health care from health promotion and prevention, to screening and early detection and treatment; special population determinants, including disparities in care and health equity, related to gender, race, ethnicity, culture, and other sociodemographic factors such as rural; and personal, social and cultural factors that influence patient preferences, perceptions, behaviors (including risk and symptom management, engagement, and other self-management), decision making, communication and health care. Interventions will address individual health behavior change including modifying health risk factors such as physical activity, adherence and other aspects of health care management, health decision making, health care communication, and patient-centered care.	08/21/2018 - 08/22/2018
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HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board subcommittee HSR6 panel meeting. The HSR6 panel reviews proposals focused on rehabilitation, functional outcomes, and community-based care; also certain research focused on caregiving, long-term care, and end-of-life care.	08/22/2018 - 08/22/2018
HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board subcommittee HSR2 panel meeting. The HSR2 panel reviews proposals focused on patient preferences, perceptions, and behaviors (including engagement and self-management); personal, sociodemographic, and cultural factors affecting health and care (patient/population/provider/community); patient decision-making; focused patient-centered health care improvements and innovations; patient-provider interactions and communication; populations with disparities in health (women, rural, minorities).	08/23/2018 - 08/23/2018
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HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board subcommittee HSR7 panel meeting. The HSR7 panel reviews proposals focused on opioids and pain management.	08/24/2018 - 08/24/2018

HSR&D Scientific Merit Review Board subcommittee MRA0 panel meeting. The MRA0 panel reviews proposals for research that focuses on health care delivery in clinical and community settings, including nursing and medical care; medical/surgical intervention and management; diagnosis; prognosis; pharmacology and pharmacotherapeutics; utilization and patterns of care; outcomes research.

08/24/2018 - 08/24/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 27

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$11,150.00	\$12,265.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$54,240.00	\$59,664.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$502,824.00	\$553,106.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$21,658.00	\$23,824.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$16,514.00	\$18,164.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$28,562.00	\$31,418.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$113,017.00	\$124,319.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$29,764.00	\$32,740.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$24,126.00	\$26,539.00
18d. Total	\$801,855.00	\$882,039.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	3.00	3.50

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Our committee accomplished its purpose by aligning with VA Strategic Goals in the following manner. Goal 1, Veterans choose VA for easy access, greater choices, and clear information to make informed decisions: Recommending research on the Learning Health System that includes a component of provider behavior designed to study how providers interact with patients and to identify best practices for patient centric care and shared decision making. This work ensures that veterans receive clear information regarding options for care and choices available to them. It also facilitates easier access to VA for that care. Goal 2, Veterans receive timely and integrated care and support that emphasizes their well-being and independence throughout their life journey:

Recommending funding of a Center of Innovation in Long-Term Care and Support Services to facilitate research on best practices for integrating care and assisting veterans with sustaining independence through every decade of life. Recommending joint sponsorship of an initiative with the NIH for technology assisted aging in place.

Recommending co-funding with VA program partners a Center of Excellence to promote choosing home as a preferred site for receiving care as exposed to nursing homes and other extended care-type facilities.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The members of the Board are experts (collectively) in the following areas: (1) the health sciences and practices (medicine, nursing, gerontology, clinical psychology, social work); (2) the social sciences (sociology, psychology, economics, etc.); (3) operations research, computer science, informatics, and (4) research methods, biostatistics, epidemiology.

Members of the Board are assigned according to their expertise and experience to the following subcommittees: Health Care and Clinical Management; Behavioral, Social and Cultural Determinants of Health and Care; Healthcare Informatics; Mental and Behavioral Health; Health Care System Organization and Delivery; Post-Acute and Long-Term Care; Nursing Research Initiative; Randomized Program Evaluations; and Career Development Award.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Board is scheduled to meet 2 times a year based upon a merit review submission cycles that fall in the winter and summer. The Board provides for the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds and offers advice for research program officials about program priorities and policies. The Board ensures the high quality and mission relevance of VA's legislatively mandated Health Services Research and Development program through the activities of this Federal Advisory Committee Act chartered and appointed Scientific Merit Review Board. The Board reviews proposals administered locally by VA field facilities for scientific and technical merit and advises the Director of Health Services Research and Development and Chief Research and Development Officer regarding the scientific merit of applications related to Board members' areas of expertise. The Board and its subcommittees review proposals face-to-face with virtual assistance using a web-based program and teleconference, in order to maintain technical excellence and to uphold the integrity and credibility of the scientific merit peer review process. It is necessary to have face-to-face meetings due to the length of the meeting (more than 8 hours and often more than one day), the need to have vigorous discussions about the strength and weaknesses of the proposals, and the necessity to come to a consensus regarding the critical elements that need to be conveyed to the Principal Investigator to improve the proposed research.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The expertise needed to review submitted proposals and provide advice to the Director, Health Services Research and Development Service, is not available within the Service staff. It would be neither appropriate nor cost-effective to attempt to use staff for this review. Involving staff in the scientific review process would raise conflict of interest and potential bias concerns. It would not be efficient or economically feasible to staff the variety and depth of scientific expertise required to actually produce scientific reviews for the applications received by Health Services Research.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

During the closed portion of the meeting, discussion and recommendations include

qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of person privacy) as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which would likely compromise significantly the implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects). To ensure the confidentiality of the content of the research proposals, summary key points of review group discussions, and recommendations of the Board until the Director of HSR&D and Chief Research and Development Officer have made funding decisions (based on the Board's recommendations) and have informed applicants of the results.

21. Remarks

HSR&D costs are overall decreased from FY2016 (as was reported in the ACR) due to staffing shortages and a decrease in reviewer participation by FACA members (for a variety of reasons), etc. Due to this, the FY2019 estimate was done with a 10% increase (as opposed to a 15% increase as done in prior years).

Designated Federal Officer

Liza Catucci Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Agha, Zia	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Diego	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular
Arlene, Bierman	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Director of Center for Evidence and Practice Improvement, Agency for Health care Research and Quality	Government Employee (RGE) Member Special
Ashrani, Aneel	07/24/2017	06/30/2021	Assistant Professor of Medicine and Laboratory Medicine and Pathology. Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science, Rochester, MN	Government Employee (SGE) Member Special
Aslakson, Rebecca	07/20/2018	07/19/2022	Associate Professor, Stanford University	Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular
Axon, Robert	07/25/2016	06/30/2020	Core Investigator, Charleston HSR&D COIN; Associate Professor of Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina	Government Employee (RGE) Member Special
Berlowitz, Dan	05/14/2018	05/14/2022	Chief of Staff, Bedford VA Hospital	Government Employee (SGE) Member

Bian, Qiqiang	09/10/2014	06/30/2018	Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Outcomes Sciences, South Carolina College of Pharmacy, Columbia, SC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bindman, Andy	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology, and Biostatistics, University of California, San Francisco, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bosworth, Hayden	09/10/2014	06/30/2018	Research Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Behavioral Sciences and Medicine, Duke University School of Nursing; Associate Director (HSR&D), Durham VA Medical Center, Durham, NC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Bryan, Craig	07/20/2018	07/19/2022	Executive Director, National Center for Veterans Studies, University of Utah	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Burstin, Helen	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Executive Vice President and CEO, Council of Medical Specialty Societies	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Chodosh, Joshua	09/10/2014	06/30/2018	Staff Physician, New York Harbor VA Medical Center; Professor of Geriatric Research and Director of Freedman Research Program on Aging and Cognition, Division of Geriatric Medicine and Palliative Care, New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Cimiotti, Jeannie	07/20/2018	07/19/2022	Associate Professor, University of Florida, College of Nursing	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cohen, Amy	07/24/2017	06/30/2021	Associate Research Director, David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA; Co-Director, Health Services, VA Desert Pacific MIRECC, Los Angeles, CA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Collins-Sharp, Beth	06/06/2018	06/06/2019	Director, Division Program, Innovation Office on Women's Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Czerniecki, Joseph	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Associate Director, VA RR&D CLIMB Research Center, Center for Limb Loss and Mobility, VA Puget Sound	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Eisen, Seth	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Professor of Medicine, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Fan, Jungwei	07/24/2017	06/30/2021	Research Assistant Professor, Associate Director of Clinical Research Informatics, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Feeney, Patrick	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Director of the VA RR&D National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research, VA Portland Health Care System	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Forster, Jeri	07/25/2016	06/30/2020	Data and Statistical Core Director, VISN 19 Rocky Mountain MIRECC at the Denver VA Medical Center; Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, University of Colorado-Denver School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gaugler, Joseph	07/01/2015	06/30/2019	Associate Professor, School of Nursing, Center on Aging, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Goncalves Taveira, Tracey	07/20/2018	07/19/2022	Professor of Pharmacy, University of Rhode Island and Brown University, Researcher, VAMC Providence, RI	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Goulet, Joseph	07/01/2014	06/30/2018	Statistician, West Haven VA Medical Center; Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Yale School of Medicine	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Gravenstein, Stefan	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Professor of Medicine, Brown University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Haas, Gretchen	09/10/2014	06/30/2018	Associate Director, VISN 4 MIRECC, and Clinical Research Psychologist, Pittsburgh VA Healthcare System; Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hassanpour, Saeed	07/20/2018	07/19/2022	Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Data Science at Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth College	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hausmann, Leslie	07/24/2017	06/30/2021	Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh; Core Investigator, Research Health Scientist, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, Pittsburgh, PA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hazuda, Helen	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Professor Emeritus of Research, Department of Medicine, Division of Nephrology, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Hebert, Paul	07/20/2018	07/19/2022	Associate Professor and CORE Investigator, VAMC Seattle, WA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Special
Higgins, Patricia	07/24/2017	06/30/2021	Associate Professor, Case Western Reserve University School of Nursing, Cleveland, OH	Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular
Hysong, Sylvia	07/25/2016	06/30/2020	Research Health Scientist, Houston VA Medical Center; Associate Professor of Medicine, Health Services Research Section, Baylor College of Medicine	Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular
Jackson, George	07/24/2017	06/30/2021	Associate Professor, Duke University; Research Health Science Specialist, Durham VA Medical Center, Durham, NC	Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular
Kaboli, Peter	07/01/2015	06/30/2019	Chief of Medicine, Iowa City VA Medical Center; Vice Chair - VA Affairs and Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City, IA	Government Employee (RGE) Member Special
Kaye, Keith	07/25/2016	06/30/2020	Corporate Director, Department of INfection Prevention, Hospital Epidemiology, and Antibiotic Stewardship, Detroit Medical Center and Wayne State University	Government Employee (SGE) Member Special
Kester, Kent	07/20/2018	07/19/2022	Professor, University of Maryland and USUHS	Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular
Kligler, Benjamin	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	National Director, Integrative Health Coordinating Center, Department of Veterans Affairs	Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular
Klobucar, Thomas	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Acting Executive Director, VHA Office of Rural Health,	Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular
Lee, Sei	07/25/2016	06/30/2020	Physician, San Francisco VA Medical Center; Associate Professor, Division of Geriatrics, University of California-San Francisco	Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular
Leykum, Luci	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Physician, Medicine Service, Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital	Government Employee (RGE) Member

Liebschutz, Jane	09/10/2014	06/30/2018	Associate Professor of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston, MA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lieu, Tracy	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Director, Division of Research, Kaiser Permanente Northern California	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Luther, Stephen	09/10/2014	06/30/2018	Director of Methodology Core, HSR&D Center of Innovation on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, Tampa VA Medical Center; Associate Professor, Department of Health Policy & Management, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Lyles, Rosie	07/20/2018	07/19/2022	Director, Clinical Affairs Medline	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Matthews, Judith	07/24/2017	06/30/2021	Research Associate Professor of Nursing, Associate Director, Gerontology Program, University Center for Social and Urban Research, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Medoff, Deborah	07/24/2017	06/30/2021	Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ney, John	07/20/2018	07/19/2022	Associate Professor and Physician, Center for Healthcare Organizations and Implementation Research, Edith Norse Rogers Memorial VA, Bedford, MA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Olsen, Maren	07/01/2015	06/30/2019	Director, Biostatistics Unit, Center for Health Services Research in Primary Care, Durham VA Medical Center; Associate Professor, Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Pape, Theresa	07/24/2017	06/30/2021	Research Associate Professor, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine; Clinical Neuroscientist, Research Health Scientist, Hines VA, Hines, IL	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Pathak, Jyotishman	07/24/2017	06/30/2021	Professor and Chief, Division of Health Informatics, Weill Cornell Medicine, New York, NY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pignone, Michael	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Chair, Department of Internal Medicine, Dell Medical School, Austin, TX	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Prentice, Julia	07/25/2016	06/30/2020	Director of the Health Care Financing and Economics group and Health Science Specialist, VA Boston Healthcare System; Assistant Professor, Boston University School of Medicine and Public Health	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular
Pugh, Mary Jo	07/24/2017	06/30/2021	Professor of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Medicine, University of Texas San Antonio, San Antonio, TX	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular
Richardson, Caroline	09/10/2014	06/30/2018	Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular
Rotondi, Armando	07/24/2017	06/30/2021	Associate Professor, University of Pittsburgh; Research Health Scientist, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, Pittsburgh, PA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular
Safdar, Nasia	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Associate Professor of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, Madison, WI	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Special
Savitz, Lucy	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Vice President, Health Research Director, Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research	Regular Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular
Sayers, Steven	09/10/2014	06/30/2018	Research Psychologist, Philadelphia VA Medical Center; Associate Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular
Schapira, Marilyn	07/24/2017	06/30/2021	Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania; Staff Physician and CHERP Investigator VA, Philadelphia, PA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Special
Schmittdiel, Julie	07/24/2017	06/30/2021	Research Scientist, Kaiser Permanente Northern California Division of Research, Oakland, CA	Regular Government Employee (SGE) Member Special
Sharp, Lisa	07/25/2016	06/30/2020	Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy Systems, Outcomes, and Policy, College of Pharmacy at the University of Illinois at Chicago	Regular Government Employee (SGE) Member Special
Shea, Judy	07/01/2015	06/30/2019	Professor, Division of General Internal Medicine, Department of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA	Regular Government Employee (SGE) Member

			Professor of Health Economics and Chief of the Section of Cancer	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE)
Shih, Ya-Chen	07/20/2018	07/19/2022	Economics and Policy, Department of Health Services Research, University of Texas	(SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE)
Shnurr, Paula	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Professor of Psychiatry, Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth and Executive Director, National Center for PTSD, Hanover, NH	Member Special Government Employee (SGE)
Simpson, Lisa	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	President and CEO, Academy Health	Member Regular Government Employee (RGE)
Slade, Eric	07/01/2015	06/30/2019	Research Health Scientist, VISN5 Capitol Healthcare Network Mental Illness Research, Baltimore VA Medical Center; Associate Professor and Interim Director, Division of Psychiatric Services Research, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD	Member Regular Government Employee (RGE)
Stone, Roslyn	09/10/2014	06/30/2018	Senior Biostatistician, Center for Health Equity, Research, and Promotion, Pittsburgh VA Healthcare System; Professor of Biostatistics, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	Member Special Government Employee (SGE)
Stoto, Michael	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Professor of Health Systems Administration and Population Health, Georgetown University, Washington, DC	Member Regular Government Employee (SGE)
Tarlov, Elizabeth	09/10/2014	06/30/2018	Assistant Professor, Department of Health Systems Science, University of Illinois Chicago; Research Health Scientist, Center for Innovation in Complex Chronic Healthcare, Hines VA Medical Center, Hines, IL	Member Regular Government Employee (RGE)
Turvey, Carolyn	09/10/2014	06/30/2018	Research Health Scientist, Iowa City VA Medical Center; Associate Professor, Departments of Psychiatry and Epidemiology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA	Member Regular Government Employee (RGE)
Voils, Corrine	06/06/2018	06/05/2019	Research Career Scientist, William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, Madison, WI	Member Special Government Employee (SGE)
Ward, Michael	07/20/2018	07/19/2022	Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University	Member Regular Government Employee (SGE)
Weaver, Frances	07/01/2015	06/30/2019	Director, Center of Innovation for Complex Chronic Healthcare (CINCCH), Hines VA Medical Center; Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences, Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine, Hines, IL	Member Regular Government Employee (RGE)

Weiner, Michael	09/10/2014 06/30/2018	Chief, HSR&D, Principal Investigator, Center for Health Information and Communication, Indianapolis VA Medical Center; Associate Professor of Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Yetisgen, Meliha	07/24/2017 06/30/2021	Associate Professor, Bioinformatics and Health Informatics, University of Washington, Seattle, WA	

Number of Committee Members Listed: 74

Narrative Description

The Board supports the Agency's strategic goal #4, which states: Contribute to the public health, emergency management, socioeconomic well-being, and history of the Nation. More specifically, it supports VA's Health Services Research and Development goal, which is to identify and evaluate innovative strategies that lead to accessible, high quality, cost effective health care for all Veterans.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

Over \$10,000,000

Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

4,008

Number of Recommendations Comments

This is a total of recommendations for FY 2003 through FY 2018. The Board makes a recommendation of approval or disapproval of each research proposal. The Board assigns a numerical score and develops key points and summary statements for each approved proposal.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

95%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The recommendations plus the numerical score and Board members' key summary points provide guidance to the Director of HSR&D and the Chief Research and Development Officer in making funding decisions.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

5%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Responsiveness to priority solicitations will be considered in funding decisions.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Director provides a briefing of the total number of projects funded in the specific

priority areas at the start of each meeting.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

HSR&D is an intramural research program. Only VA scientists are eligible applicants. The Board members make recommendations of approval or disapproval, and assign a scientific merit score that HSR&D uses to determine which projects to fund. Research monies are transferred to the appropriate VA stations to support the research that is scientifically meritorious.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

HSR&D is an intramural research program. Only VA scientists are eligible applicants. Therefore, the Board does not consider grants to outside entities.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A